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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, Applicant hereby submits the attached information for consideration by the Office under 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, as listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449.

This case is related to copending Application No. 10/639,808 filed on 30 July 2003, pending, which is a continuation of Application No. 10/373,872 filed on 27 February 2003, pending, which is a continuation of Application No. 10/105,275 filed on 26 March 2002; which is a continuation of Application No. 09/886,133 filed on 22 June 2001 and issued as US 6,388,920 B1, which is a continuation of Application No. 09/824,778 filed on 4 April 2001 and issued as US 6,317,371 B1, which is a continuation of Application No. 09/477,665 filed on 5 January 2000 and issued as US 6,236,601 B1, which is a continuation of Application No. 09/125,547

filed on 23 December 1998 and issued as US 6,031,758 A, which is an application under 35 USC §371 of International Application PCT/JP96/03501 filed 29 November 1996. All of the information listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 was previously cited by or submitted to the Office in the prior applications.

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One (1) US Published Application
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